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**Legislative Branch Executive Branch Judicial Branch**

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| Consists of the Senate and the House of Representatives | Can veto bills | Interprets laws |
| Declares war; provides and maintains the armed forces. | Takes an oath to “preserve protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.” | Can declare laws unconstitutional |
| Can override veto by two-thirds vote | Is “checked” by the Judicial and Legislative branches | Checks Congress by interpreting laws and treaties |
| Approves treaties and nominations/appointments | Is headed by the President | One is “supreme” and the others will be established by Congress |
| Is “checked” by the Judicial and Executive branches | Appoints government officials (ambassadors, judges, cabinet members) | Is “checked” by the Executive and Legislative branches |
| Can propose amendments to the Constitution | Enforces laws | Checks the President by interpreting laws and treaties |
| Can borrow money and regulate commerce | Sends messages to Congress (like the State of the Union) | Presides over presidential impeachment hearings |
| Makes laws | It’s head is the commander in chief of the army | Those in this branch are appointed for life |